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In re Application of  
Alexandre A. N. Baptista  
Application No.: 10/789,456  
Filed: February 26, 2004  
Attorney Docket No: 37469-8013.US01  
For: **VACUUM PACKAGING APPLIANCE WITH VACUUM  
SIDE CHANNEL LATCHES**

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: DECISION ACCORDING  
: RULE 47(a) STATUS  
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This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed March 14, 2005.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

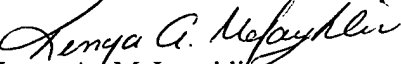
The above-identified application was filed on February 26, 2004, without an executed oath or declaration or filing fee. Accordingly, a "Notice to File Missing Parts Nonprovisional Application" (the "Notice") was mailed on May 19, 2004, requiring an executed oath or declaration and a surcharge for the late filing of the oath or declaration, payment of the filing and additional claim fees. A petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) was filed on November 22, 2004, responsively, along with a request for an extension of time within the fourth month. The petition was dismissed by a decision mailed January 26, 2005. The instant renewed petition was filed on March 14, 2005.

Petitioner has shown that inventor Baptista refuses to do so after having been presented with the application papers. The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the addresses given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

This application will be directed to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3222.

  
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VACUUM SIDE CHANNEL LATCHES :

Dear Mr. Baptista:

You are named as the sole inventor in the above-identified United States patent application filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code) and 37 CFR 1.47(b), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as the sole inventor.

As the sole inventor, you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to Petitions Attorney Kenya A. McLaughlin at (571) 272-3222. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to Certification Division at (703) 308-9726 or 1-800-972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

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